

# Breastfeeding

**TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATE**

**INDICATOR:** Percent of Mothers Who Intend To Exclusively Breastfeed Their Infants at Hospital Discharge

**NUMERATOR:** Number of mothers who express their intent to exclusively breastfeed their infant at hospital discharge, by place of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** Total number of live births for whom the newborn genetic screening form is completed\*, by place of residence, in a calendar year

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 OBJECTIVE:**

Increase the proportion of mothers who breastfeed their babies in the early postpartum period to 75 percent. (Baseline: 64 percent in 1998) (Objective 16-19a)

**RISK FACTORS:** For not intending to exclusively breastfeed

Working mothers, lack of prenatal care, lack of prenatal WIC services, lower maternal education level, low income, race/ethnicity (African American, Southeast Asian), less than 20 years of age.

Year	California				LA County			
	Number	Percent	95% Confidence Interval		Number	Percent	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper
1993	229,648	41.5	41.4	41.7	55,461	30.5	30.3	30.7
1994	231,966	42.9	42.8	43.0	56,551	32.5	32.2	32.7
1995	224,052	42.2	42.1	42.3	50,408	29.5	29.3	29.7
1996	216,931	41.8	41.7	42.0	44,089	26.8	26.6	27.0
1997	216,156	42.8	42.6	42.9	44,418	28.1	27.9	28.3
1998	219,915	43.5	43.4	43.7	44,788	28.6	28.4	28.9
1999	215,032	42.9	42.8	43.0	42,366	27.7	27.4	27.9
2000	217,252	42.6	42.4	42.7	41,234	26.9	26.7	27.1
2001	213,227	42.2	42.1	42.4	38,123	25.5	25.3	25.8
2002	209,432	41.8	41.7	42.0	36,877	25.3	25.1	25.6

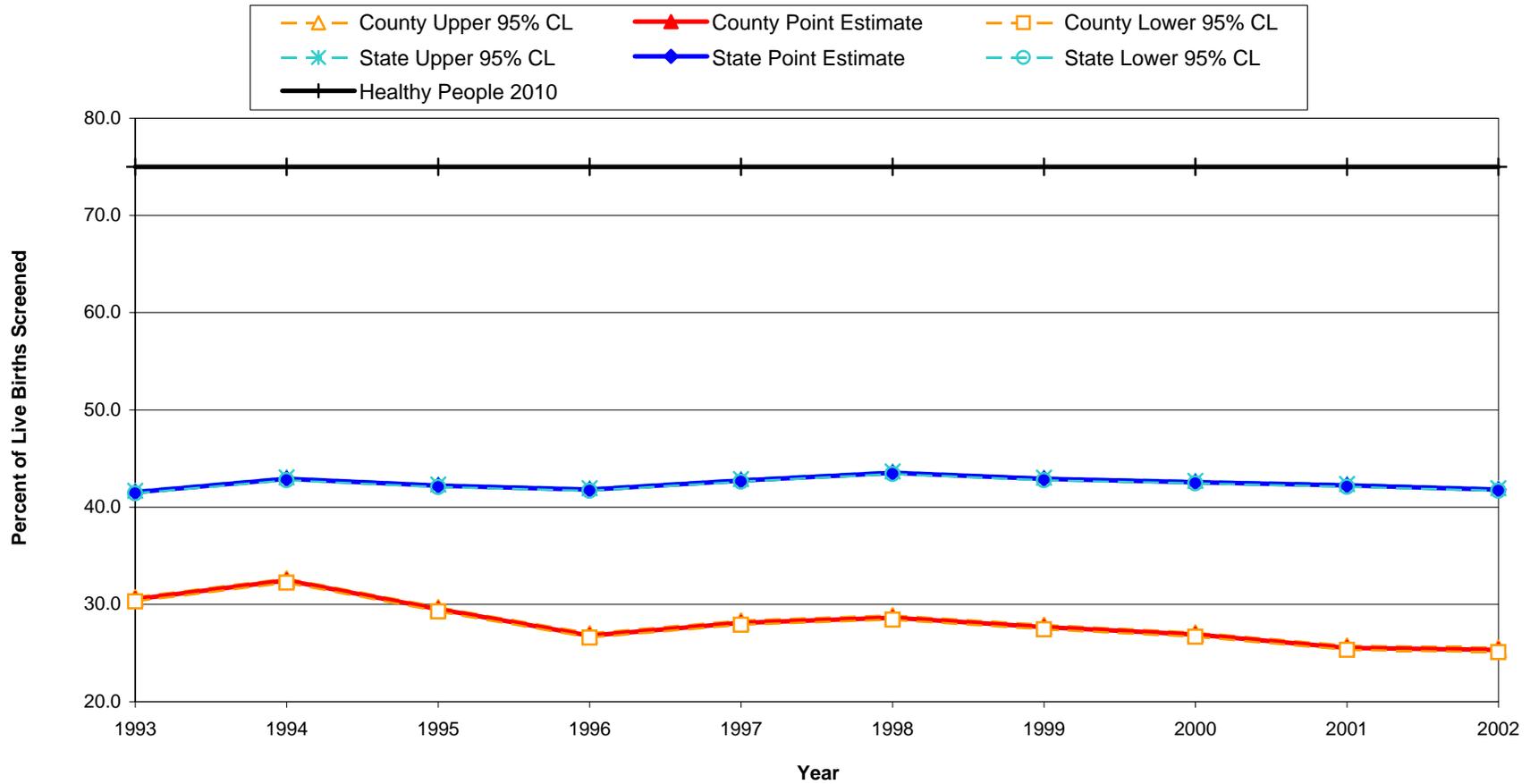
Denominator: Newborns Screened		
Year	California	LA County
1993	552,774	181,684
1994	540,496	174,219
1995	530,789	170,887
1996	518,747	164,515
1997	505,577	157,993
1998	505,091	156,383
1999	501,130	153,123
2000	510,267	153,323
2001	504,782	149,240
2002	500,843	145,600

Note: "Exclusive Breastfeeding" includes women who breastfeed only.

\* The denominator used to compute the percent data is "Known Method of Feeding". Births with unknown feeding method are excluded. Approximately 2.5 percent of births have missing feeding data.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Branch, Epidemiology and Evaluation Section, "California In-Hospital Breastfeeding Initiation as Reported on the Newborn Screening Test Form Statewide & by Maternal County of Residence: 1993-2002".

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Their Infants at Hospital Discharge  
California vs. Los Angeles County, 1993-2002**



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